



The Flagstick

Ancil Hoffman
Golf Club
~
Carmichael, California
Spring 2017

President's Message Rob Dixon ~ AHGC President

It is truly wondrous what a little rain and sun will do. This is my 32nd summer in Sacramento and I am amazed at how great the course looks.

Of course, nature needs a little help and the thanks go to our superintendent Greg Blied and the fine work of his crew.

One of Greg's many projects this spring has been to rework the bunkers. Specifically, moving sand in each of the bunkers and re-shaping the faces on # 2 right, # 6 right, # 15, and # 16 right. The faces were re-shaped to account for the growth of those bunkers over the years and the hope is that it will allow balls to roll back down into a central part of the bunker allowing for a better lie and a less intimidating chance at getting out of the bunker. Some of the bunkers may still need some tweaking but they are in great shape. Please keep in mind that for a little while they will be very soft in the faces until the sand settles in.

What discussion of golf would be complete without a little etiquette lesson?

We all know about raking out the bunker after you expertly pop the ball on the green but please remember to enter the bunker from the bottom side. We want that sand to stay in the faces and firm up so that the balls will feed back down and not get plugged in the face. Thanks for your help and pass the word.

A couple of months ago it seemed like no one (other than George Beach) could get a hole in one. When it rains - it pours.

Greg Hovious started off by acing # 17 in the March 2 Best Ball. And then in the May 4 individual event, Don Howell did it on old # 14. Congratulations to both Don Howell and Greg Hovious.

The NCGA Team Match Play begins again in June. Both our Saturday and Thursday teams made the playoffs in 2016. Well done to both teams. I have been fortunate to play on the Thursday team the last couple of years and I have found the format and matches to be the most competitive, fun, and demanding tournament golf that I have ever played.

This year the Saturday Team is captained by Rich Fleischer and Rick Wiley is back at the helm with the Thursday team. Much thanks to them and their assistants Matt Gilchrist, Matt Jones, and Roger Siler.

In addition to all of our tournaments we have the quarterly meetings - a long and well regarded tradition at AHGC. The next upcoming quarterly is in July and features the Putting Championship. This is one of my favorite events of the year and I encourage all members to come out. The putting is a blast, the food and drink is great, and always fun to socialize with the members. Thanks to our programs director Brett Dodge for all your work and thank you to Derek Smith, Kevin Cassidy, and the Main Event staff for making our quarterly's a success. The quarterly's and the Putting Championship is one of the best perks of being a member at AHGC. Don't miss out.

Lastly, I would encourage anyone interested in helping out with the tournaments or possibly taking over as a tournament director in the future to please speak with the tournament directors to find out more about the positions and opportunities to assist. I can tell you it is a great way to meet fellow members and give back a little to our club.

Please call or email me or any board member with questions or ideas you have for strengthening and promoting the club. I look forward to seeing all of you on the course.

Rob Dixon
AHGC President

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2017 AHGC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

2017 MIDWEEK SCHEDULE (Formats Subject to Change)

January 12	Individual Stroke Play
February 9	Individual Stroke Play
March 2	2 Person Best Ball
March 23	Away Tournament—Auburn Valley
April 6	Two-Person Best-Ball / Senior NCGA 4-Ball Qualifier
May 4	Individual Stroke Play
May 25	Individual Stroke Play / Wayne Parsell Senior Net
June 22	Individual Stroke Play / NCGA Net Qualifier
July 20	2 Person Best Ball
August 17	Individual Stroke Play
September 7	Cha Cha Cha
October 5	Individual Stroke Play / Ancil Cup Points Playoff
October 25	Member/ Guest—2 Person Best Ball
November 16	Two-Person Best-Ball / Chapman / Scramble
December 14	Stableford

2017 WEEKEND SCHEDULE

January 28	Individual Stroke Play
February 18	Two-Person Best Ball & NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier
March 11 & 18	Two-Person Best Ball & NCGA Zone Qualifier
April 15	Individual Stroke Play
May 20	Individual Stroke Play
June 10-11	President's Cup
July 8	Individual Stroke Play & Club Championship Qualifier
August 12	Individual Stroke Play
August 27-28	Club Championships: Gross and Net Rounds 1 & 2
September 9-10	Club Championships: Gross and Net Semifinals & Finals
October 21	Individual Stroke Play / Ancil Cup Playoff
November 11	Individual Stroke Play / Ancil Cup Playoff
December 19	Cha Cha Cha / Ancil Cup Championship

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Midweek Tournament News

Doug Olson

Midweek Tournament Chairman

Hello Ancil Hoffman Golf Club Members!

The five Midweek Tournaments in February through May 2017 had good turnouts, with 96 players in the February 15 Individual Stroke, 124 players in the March 2 Two Person Best Ball, 101 players in the April 6 Two Person Best Ball/NCGA Senior Qualifier, 123 players in the May 4 Individual Stroke, and 94 players in the May 25 Individual Stroke/Wayne Parsell Senior Net Championship.

The February 15 tournament flight winners were Ross Raymond, James White, and Ross Wallace. The March 2 tournament flight winners were the teams of Chris Cullen/Steve Hatalla and Greg Hovious/Mark Stambuk. The April 6 tournament flight winners were the teams of Gary Guinn/Bob Synhorst and Bruce Bui/Jeff Lockhart. The NCGA Senior Four Ball qualifiers were the teams of Gary Guinn/Bob Synhorst, Vern Kemp/Rick Wiley, and Mark Frayser/Jene Burris. The May 4 tournament flight winners were Tyler Boyd, Don Howell, Ross Wallace, and Rick Cortez. The May 25 tournament flight winners were Gary Guinn, Bruce Blackman and Terry Murphy. Don Landsittel shot a net 62 and won the Wayne Parsell Senior Net Championship, with a \$250 prize.

Congratulations to Greg Hovious, who had a hole in one in the March 2 tournament, and to Don Howell, who had a hole in one in the May 4 tournament. Each won a jackpot of \$1,500, due to an accumulated carryover from the past two years. The hole in one fund now stands at \$348, going into the June 22 tournament.

Congratulations also to Ross Wallace, who won the inaugural Winter/Spring Series Championship, carding a net score of 200 (66+69+65), based on the lowest three scores of the four tournaments from February 15, March 2, April 6 and May 4. Ross won by eight strokes over a crowded field of other contenders including Mark Coffey, Rick Wiley, Bob Synhorst and Peter Deacon. The inaugural Summer Series Championship is already underway, including the midweek tournaments on May 25, June 22, July 20, and August 17. The player with the lowest aggregate net score for three of these four midweek tournaments will be awarded \$250 (no tiebreakers, prize might be shared).

I want to thank all participants for making the Midweek Tournaments run smoothly. Please remember to enter on-line early, as typically the tournaments become full and registration ends 7-10 days beforehand. In addition, please note that there is a 48 hour cancellation policy that is in effect for all Midweek Tournaments.

Doug Olson
Tournament Director

Weekend Tournament News

Matt Gilchrist

Weekend Tournament Chair

Ancil Hoffman Golf Members,

We've got five events in the books and tournament participation has continued to be well attended, please keep up the enthusiasm and be sure to let me know if there is anything else I can do to help keep the tournaments a success.

Congratulations to Erik Smith and Mike Olcese for making out of sectional qualifying in the NCGA 4-Ball. They will move on to Monterey in late June to represent the club.

As I write this, I just completed the tee sheet for our illustrious President's Cup and we will have over 90 participants. This is an outstanding turnout for a 2-day event.

For those not familiar with this event, it is 2 days of individual stroke play and is considered an Ancil "major" which also comes with the largest purse of the year. Since this event is a major, there will be a 3 hole playoff for tie breaking purposes. Many thanks go out to Matt Jones, Pat Harold, and John Mars for their volunteer hours and allowing me to leave the course at a decent time!

Lastly, in recent events, there has been an overwhelming desire to play "early", unfortunately, when 75% of the field is requesting this time slot, it's difficult to make everyone happy. If you have circumstances that do require you to leave the course by a certain time, please let me know and I'll do my best to accommodate. Also, I will always do my best to ensure our fast players are out first in order to set a good pace for the rest of the field.

Hit 'em straight, keep up the pace, and have fun.

See you around the course,

Matt Gilchrist Sr. Tournament Director
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THE FLAGSTICK – SPRING 2017

Two-Person Best-Ball & NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Entry Fee: \$20 per player/\$30 per player on teams attempting to qualify

Make checks payable to AHGC Entries Close 6 Days Prior To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to partner with _____ at a(n) early _____ mid _____ late _____ tee time.

I will participate in: _____ net skins (\$5) _____ gross skins (\$5) _____ Ancil Cup Points (\$5) _____ hole-in-one insurance (\$1)

Mail to: Weekend TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

Individual Stroke Play

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Entry Fee: \$20 per Player / Make checks payable to AHGC Entries Close 6 Days Previous To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____ at an early _____ mid _____ late _____ tee time.

I will participate in: _____ net skins (\$5) _____ gross skins (\$5) _____ Ancil Cup Points (\$5) _____ hole-in-one insurance (\$1)

Mail to: Midweek TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

Individual Stroke Play

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Entry Fee: \$20 per Player / Make checks payable to AHGC Entries Close 10 Days Previous To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____ at a(n) early _____ mid _____ late _____ tee time.

I will participate in: _____ net skins (\$5) _____ gross skins (\$5) _____ Ancil Cup Points (\$5) _____ hole-in-one insurance (\$1)

Mail to: Midweek TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

Two-Person Better Ball & NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier

Saturday March 11, and Saturday March 18 2017

Entry Fee: \$20 per player/\$30 per player on teams attempting to qualify

Make checks payable to AHGC Entries Close 6 Days Prior To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to partner with _____ at a(n) early _____ mid _____ late _____ tee time.

I will participate in: _____ net skins (\$5) _____ gross skins (\$5) _____ Ancil Cup Points (\$5) _____ hole-in-one insurance (\$1)

Mail to: Weekend TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

Individual Stroke Play Thursday, January 12, 2017

Entry Fee: \$15 per Player — Make checks payable to AHGC — Entries Close 10 Days Previous To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____ at an Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____ tee time.

I will participate in: _____ net skins (\$5) _____ gross skins (\$5) _____ Ancil Cup Points (\$5) _____ hole-in-one insurance (\$1)

Mail to: Midweek TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

Individual Stroke Play Thursday, February 9 2017

Entry Fee: \$15 per Player — Make checks payable to AHGC — Entries Close 10 Days Previous To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____ at an Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____ tee time.

I will participate in: _____ net skins (\$5) _____ gross skins (\$5) _____ Ancil Cup Points (\$5) _____ hole-in-one insurance (\$1)

Mail to: Weekend TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

2 Person Best Ball Thursday, March 2, 2017

Entry Fee: \$15 per Player — Make checks payable to AHGC — Entries Close 10 Days Previous To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to play with _____ at an Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____ tee time.

I will participate in: _____ net skins (\$5) _____ gross skins (\$5) _____ Ancil Cup Points (\$5) _____ hole-in-one insurance (\$1)

Mail to: Midweek TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

Two-Person Best-Ball / Senior NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier Thursday, April 6, 2017

Entry Fee: \$15 per Player — Make checks payable to AHGC — Entries Close 10 Days Previous To Event

Name _____ GHIN _____ Phone #: _____

I request to partner with _____ at an Early _____ Mid _____ Late _____ tee time.

I will participate in: _____ net skins (\$5) _____ gross skins (\$5) _____ Ancil Cup Points (\$5) _____ hole-in-one insurance (\$1)

Mail to: Midweek TC, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 or drop in the locked box in the Pro Shop

From The Club

www.goancilhoffman.com

Tee Time Reservation System

Ancil Hoffman Golf Course has recently put in a new Point-of-sale system. Part of the features of the system is integrating with the website www.goancilhoffman.com. This represents a new “Demand-based” pricing model that allows users to buy their tee times on-line and receive discounts. This model assumes the following:

1. Users can make a reservation up to 7 days in advance.
2. Users can reserve Tee Times on-line for walking or riding with a cart; however, only riding with cart offers any discounts.
3. Certain Tee Times (i.e. Saturday morning at 8 AM) have higher demand than others; therefore, those Tee Times might cost more.
4. The longer period of time that Tee Times are reserved on-line in advance (5 to 7 days) will offer the greatest discount.

I went on-line and researched various Tee Times and it looks like 5 to 7 days offer a 30% discount over rack rate, 2 to 4 days offer a 24% discount over rack rate, and 0 to 1 days offer a 20 % discount. To use this system players must register on-line at www.goancilhoffman.com and create an account. Payment is NOT done on-line but will be at the Course Pro Shop upon check-in.

The system seems very user-friendly and efficient. When I went on-line I could easily navigate through the system and was able to select my preferred times. I recommend going on line and creating an Account and give it a test.

Facebook Group Page

If you go on Facebook make sure you join the Ancil Hoffman Golf Club “Group Page”. I think this is a great way to share stories, pictures, and humor. I also think it could be a way to fill out foursomes, find golf buddies, trade or sell golf clubs, and communicate Ancil Hoffman Golf Club events and activities through the Facebook Website.

If you are not on Facebook yet, it’s easy to sign-up. Just go to www.Facebook.com and join.

Rich Fleischer

Course Affairs Director

From the Programs

Brett Dodge

On Wednesday, July 26th, the Club will host its Putting Championship of 2017. Cost is \$5.00 for 2 trips thru the course, or \$10.00 for unlimited. Derek and the gang at the Main Event will be serving up dinner, which is free with your membership. As usual, we'll have plenty of refreshments at the ready for your enjoyment – the beer from the keg is free! Don't forget that guests are always welcome for dinner.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you at the Main Event!

We will send out more email reminders as we get closer to this fun event as well.

Brett Dodge
AHGC Program Director

**From the Handicapper
Pat Harrold**

Notice to New Members (and reminder to returning members)

Patrick Harrold, Ancil Hoffman Golf Club Handicap Chairman

Here at Ancil Hoffman Golf Club we will enter all of your Ancil Hoffman Golf Club tournament scores. As the Handicap Chairman I make sure all of the scores are correct and enter them into the GHIN system for you. The biggest reason for doing this is to make sure your Equitable Score Control (ESC) is correct. For all other scores outside of our official tournaments you are responsible for posting your own scores and you are required to use the ESC.

The ESC was established by the USGA and is officially defined:

ESC is an adjustment of individual hole scores (for handicap purposes) in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. ESC is applied after the round and is only used when the actual score or the most likely score exceeds a player's maximum number. ESC sets a limit to the number of strokes a player can take on a hole depending on Course Handicap™. Apply ESC to all scores, including tournament scores. Below is the maximum number a player can take:

<u>Course Handicap</u>	<u>Maximum Number</u>
9 or less	Double Bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 and above	10

Pat Harrold
AHGC Handicap Chair